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DANGERS OF STREET SWEEPING.

Recent disclosures of the rapid and extensive spread of tuberculosis and other diseases among the street-sweepers of New York city not only confirm suspicions long entertained by physicians and others, but show the ravages of the noxious germs to be far more serious than any one had previously supposed, says the Brooklyn Standard Union. As related in that journal a few days ago, one of the city's medical examiners make the astonishing statement that a third of Commissioner Woodbury's entire force are afflicted with consumption, about three cases a day on an average coming to light, which amount to about 1800 cases a year. This is certainly a very alarming condition, calling for heroic remedies, for it must be remembered the "white wings" were mostly healthy men when originally appointed, all of them being compelled to pass a thorough physical examination, and as the majority of them have served less than six years, it is plain the deadly tuberculosis germs must have been inhaled while sweeping the streets. Dr. Woodbury, though he himself professes to believe the case is not so bad as reported, has ordered a thorough investigation and a physical examination of all the 50,000 street-sweepers and drivers, which will take at least 15 days, and he is also searching for a disinfectant to be used in street sprinkling which shall be neither too expensive nor poisonous nor corrosive in itself.

But the dangers of street-sweeping are not confined to the "white wings." They threaten every passer-by and in a lesser degree all inhabitants of the city, for the germ-laden dust ascends and enters the nostrils of pedestrians and passes through every open window in the immediate neighborhood, as the housewife who daily dusts her furniture can convincingly testify. Every preventive or remedy that can be devised should be utilized, for the sake of the public as well as the street-sweepers. In the case of the latter would not the danger of infection be considerably reduced by the use of some suitable form of respirator? If the wearing of a screen of gauze or fine wire over the mouth and nostrils would really prevent or minimize the inhaling of disease-breeding germs, the question of cost should not be considered, except so far as to avoid overcharging or cheating, for the saving of health and life cannot be measured in dollars. The fact that many pedestrians instinctively cover their mouths with a pocket handkerchief while passing a cloud of dust is presumptive proof of the value of such a precaution, and it would be wise for Dr. Woodbury to seriously consider it. The health department, Dr. Darlington says, is working hard to find a chlorine or other disinfectant which shall be effective and yet cheap enough to be used in the enormous quantities required, and it would seem that another safeguard would be the use of closed receptacles to gather the dust, instead of scattering a large part of it to the winds. In fact, the streets should always be sprinkled before sweeping, if only with salt water, which in itself would be a potent purifier. Frequent and systematic examination of the street sweepers should also be insisted upon, so that the contraction of disease may be discovered in its early and curable stages. New York can not and must not expose its servants and citizens to deadly peril which can be avoided by the resources of civilization and modern science, no matter what the cost.

OUR MONETARY SYSTEM.

The amount of money now in circulation in this country, both aggregate and per capita, is at high-water mark. On May 1 the aggregate amount in circulation was \$2,530,000,000 which, on the assumption that the population of the republic is now 82,000,000, means a per capita circulation of \$31. By far the largest proportion of this circulation consists of gold or of certificates issued against deposits of gold in the federal treasury.

Even the most rampant Bryanite can not complain now that there is a deficiency in the money supply. Since 1896, when free-silver orators and newspapers declared that the nation was suffering from monetary starvation, our per capita circulation has increased practically 50 per cent; while since 1873, when silver was "assassinated," it has almost doubled—although we long ago ceased to coin silver as standard money and have retired virtually all of the \$156-

000,000 in United States notes that were issued to pay for silver purchased under the Sherman act of 1890. The total amount of money in circulation has increased since 1896 a round \$1,000,000,000.

It is worth pointing out, however, that in the matter of gold currency, we are still behind other leading countries that have adopted the gold standard. The latest available statistics, on this subject are those compiled by the director of the mint under date of January 1, 1903. At that date the gold currency of this country per capita amounted to \$15.64 against a total per capita circulation of \$29.78, while the figures under these respective heads for other gold-standard countries were as follows: Great Britain, \$13.18 and \$18.81; France, \$24.36 and \$39.22; Germany, \$13.54 and \$20.48; Austria-Hungary, \$6.01 and \$8.72; Russia, 5.70 and \$6.50; Japan, \$1.31 and \$3.24.

Our showing in the matter of gold currency relative to total circulation is not so good as the showing of most of the countries because we had, and still have, a vastly larger volume of both "uncovered" paper money and silver money. No country on the globe has as large a volume of uncovered paper money as our own, and with the single exception of China, none has as large a volume of silver money.

Our monetary system undoubtedly rests now on a solid basis, but the foregoing statistics show that, so far as the supply of gold money to total circulation is concerned, we have still considerable ground to travel before we are abreast with the greater gold-standard countries, says the New York Commercial. The fact is timely in demonstrating that there should be no yielding to demands of the cheap money element.

Six Mormon witnesses wanted in the Smoot hearing have disappeared. It will be determined later whether they received a revelation or just a plain tip to skip out until the trouble blows over.

Russia now proposes to collect 500,000 troops before going into the next fight, and Japan will be accused of violating the international code if she butts in again before Russia is ready.

In our humble opinion, there is less danger in admitting foreigners who compete with American labor than in admitting foreigners who compete with Americans who refuse to labor.

Corrected reports show that in addition to losing 400 men in her recent encounter with the British, Tibet also put herself in the way of losing about 95 per cent of her territory.

Prof. Langley is quoted as having said that with \$50,000 he could fly to Canada. That feat has already been performed by defaulting cashiers for a much smaller sum.

The savage Filipinos at St. Louis look upon the bright, new \$10 bills as ornaments. The savages are not alone in the possession of that kind of artistic taste.

The Japanese are a courteous and considerate nation. But this fact does not now prevent them from hoping for a few accidents on the Siberian railway.

Colonel Younghusband reports that he will have no difficulty in teaching the Tibetans the beauties of civilization if his ammunition holds out.

A man has been sent to the penitentiary in Minnesota for stealing a locomotive, while in New York men steal whole railroads with impunity.

Grover Cleveland must feel that the present situation of the democratic party is enough to tempt any man to quit work and go fishing.

Those who are criticising congress should remember that there is one thing to the credit of that body. It always adjourns.

Japan knows where to get quick results for her money, having ordered 15 steel bridges from an American firm.

If the law of supply and demand holds good in war times, Russia will not lose many more battleships.

Senator Aldrich is said to be the best golf player in congress. The polker championship is still in dispute.

Russian would be more impressive if she were to shoot more Japs and talk less of killing correspondents.

The Russians are praying for spring, while the Japs are hoping for fall in the Port Arthur district.

The political crop is one that is never blighted by unfavorable seasons.

The Japanese are again bombarding Port Arthur. How refreshing!

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Edward to Visit William.
Berlin, May 16.—King Edward has definitely announced his intention to visit Emperor William during regatta week at Kiel, which begins June 22.

Ran Third at St. Cloud.
Paris, May 16.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Calico came in third today in the race for the six Clochettes at the St. Cloud meeting.

A Sure Thing.
It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va. says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Charles Rogers, Druggist. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c. \$1.00.

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In 1896 I experienced at times patches on the inside of my hands that itched and burned, causing much discomfort. As time went by it grew worse, and I was convinced that I was afflicted with Eczema. I consulted several physicians and a number of specialists, and used several external applications, receiving but slight temporary relief. In February I decided to try S. S. S., and in less than a month I experienced a change for the better, and by May all symptoms had disappeared, and I found myself entirely cured, and have had no return of the disease since. W. F. BROWN, Manager Stockman's Advertising Agency, Station A, Kansas City, Mo.

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